

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1 1. A method for sending and receiving electronic messages, said method
2 comprising:
3 displaying a graphic representation of a destination on a display device
4 to deliver an electronic message;
5 drawing a graphic directional indicator to said graphic representation
6 on said display device; and
7 performing a function associated with said graphic directional
8 indicator in response to a user input to send at least one graphic element displayed on
9 said display device to said destination as part of said electronic message.
- 1 2. The method of claim 1 wherein said drawing of said graphic directional
2 indicator includes drawing an arrow to said graphic representation on said display
3 device.
- 1 3. The method of claim 1 wherein said displaying of said graphic representation
2 includes displaying a network address.
- 1 4. The method of claim 1 wherein said displaying of said graphic representation
2 includes displaying a graphic object that comprises at least one network address.
- 1 5. The method of claim 1 wherein said drawing of said graphic directional
2 indicator includes drawing said graphic directional indicator that intersects at least
3 one graphic object displayed on said display device.
- 1 6. The method of claim 1 wherein said drawing of said graphic directional
2 indicator includes drawing said graphic directional indicator that substantially
3 encircles at least one graphic object displayed on said display device.

1 7. The method of claim 1 wherein said performing of said function includes
2 saving said graphic element to send as part of said electronic message.

1 8. The method of claim 7 wherein said graphic element is a graphic object in a
2 computer operating environment.

1 9. The method of claim 1 wherein said performing of said function includes
2 saving a system state of a computer operating environment in which said graphic
3 directional indicator was drawn to send as part of said electronic message.

1 10. The method of claim 1 further comprising:
2 drawing a second graphic directional indicator that graphically
3 contacts said graphic directional indicator;
4 associating a user-entered graphic object with said second graphic
5 directional indicator; and
6 designating said user-entered graphic object as a title for said
7 electronic message.

1 11. The method of claim 1 further comprising:
2 drawing a second graphic directional indicator that graphically
3 contacts said graphic directional indicator;
4 associating a user-entered command with said second graphic
5 directional indicator; and
6 modifying a sending operation of said electronic message according to
7 said user-entered command.

1 12. The method of claim 1 further comprising graphically moving a password
2 object to said graphic element to secure said graphic element.

1 13. The method of claim 1 further comprising displaying an entry representing
2 said electronic message and graphically moving a password object to said entry to
3 secure said electronic message.

1 14. The method of claim 1 further comprising sorting received electronic
2 messages based on a password object used to secure some of said received electronic
3 messages.

1 15. The method of claim 1 further comprising displaying an entry representing
2 said electronic message and displaying a duplicate of said graphic element in said
3 entry, said duplicate having same properties of said graphic element such that said
4 duplicate can be used in the same manner as said graphic element.

1 16. A storage medium readable by a computer, tangibly embodying a program of
2 instructions executable by said computer to perform method steps for sending and
3 receiving electronic message, said method steps comprising:
4 displaying a graphic representation of a destination on a display device
5 to deliver an electronic message;
6 drawing a graphic directional indicator to said graphic representation
7 on said display device; and
8 performing a function associated with said graphic directional
9 indicator in response to a user input to send at least one graphic element displayed on
10 said display device to said destination as part of said electronic message.

1 17. The storage medium of claim 16 wherein said drawing of said graphic
2 directional indicator includes drawing an arrow to said graphic representation on said
3 display device.

1 18. The storage medium of claim 16 wherein said displaying of said graphic
2 representation includes displaying a network address.

- 1 19. The storage medium of claim 16 wherein said displaying of said graphic
2 representation includes displaying a graphic object that comprises at least one
3 network address.
- 1 20. The storage medium of claim 16 wherein said drawing of said graphic
2 directional indicator includes drawing said graphic directional indicator that intersects
3 at least one graphic object displayed on said display device.
- 1 21. The storage medium of claim 16 wherein said drawing of said graphic
2 directional indicator includes drawing said graphic directional indicator that
3 substantially encircles at least one graphic object displayed on said display device.
- 1 22. The storage medium of claim 16 wherein said performing of said function
2 includes saving said graphic element to send as part of said electronic message.
- 1 23. The storage medium of claim 22 wherein said graphic element is a graphic
2 object in a computer operating environment.
- 1 24. The storage medium of claim 17 wherein said performing of said function
2 includes saving a system state of a computer operating environment in which said
3 graphic directional indicator was drawn to send as part of said electronic message.
- 1 25. The storage medium of claim 16 further comprising:
2 drawing a second graphic directional indicator that graphically
3 contacts said graphic directional indicator;
4 associating a user-entered graphic object with said second graphic
5 directional indicator; and
6 designating said user-entered graphic object as a title for said
7 electronic message.

1 26. The storage medium of claim 16 further comprising:
2 drawing a second graphic directional indicator that graphically
3 contacts said graphic directional indicator;
4 associating a user-entered command with said second graphic
5 directional indicator; and
6 modifying a sending operation of said electronic message according to
7 said user-entered command.

1 27. The storage medium of claim 16 further comprising graphically moving a
2 password object to said graphic element to secure said graphic element.

1 28. The storage medium of claim 16 further comprising displaying an entry
2 representing said electronic message and graphically moving a password object to
3 said entry to secure said electronic message.

1 29. The storage medium of claim 16 further comprising sorting received
2 electronic messages based on a password object used to secure some of said received
3 electronic messages.

1 30. The storage medium of claim 16 further comprising displaying an entry
2 representing said electronic message and displaying a duplicate of said graphic
3 element in said entry, said duplicate having same properties of said graphic element
4 such that said duplicate can be used in the same manner as said graphic element.

1 31. A system for sending and receiving electronic messages, said system
2 comprising:
3 a display device that can display a graphic representation of a
4 destination of an electronic message, a graphic directional indicator and a graphic
5 element;
6 a module configured to send said graphic element as part of said
7 electronic message when said graphic directional indicator is drawn on said display
8 device to said graphic representation and a function associated with said graphic
9 directional indicator is activated; and
10 a network interface connected to a computer network, said network
11 interface being configured to transmit said electronic message to said destination
12 through said computer network.

1 32. The system of claim 31 wherein said graphic directional indicator includes an
2 arrow to said graphic representation.

1 33. The system of claim 31 wherein said graphic representation includes a
2 network address.

1 34. The system of claim 31 wherein said graphic representation comprises a
2 graphic object that includes at least one network address.

1 35. The system of claim 31 wherein said graphic directional indicator is drawn to
2 intersect at least one graphic object displayed on said display device.

1 36. The system of claim 31 wherein said graphic directional indicator is drawn to
2 substantially encircle at least one graphic object displayed on said display device.

1 37. The system of claim 31 wherein said module is configured to save said
2 graphic element to send as part of said electronic message.

1 38. The system of claim 37 wherein said graphic element is a graphic object in a
2 computer operating environment.

1 39. The system of claim 31 wherein said module is configured to save a system
2 state of a computer operating environment in which said graphic directional indicator
3 was drawn to send as part of said electronic message.

1 40. The system of claim 31 wherein said module is further configured to include a
2 graphic object associated with a second graphic directional indicator that graphically
3 contacts said graphic directional indicator as a title for said electronic message.

1 41. The system of claim 31 wherein said module is further configured to include
2 modify a sending operation of said electronic message according to an entered
3 command associated with a second graphic directional indicator that graphically
4 contacts said graphic directional indicator.

1 42. The system of claim 31 wherein said module is configured to secure said
2 graphic element when a password object is moved to said graphic element.

1 43. The system of claim 31 wherein said module is configured to secure said
2 electronic message when a password object is moved to an entry representing said
3 electronic message.

1 44. The system of claim 31 wherein said module is configured to sort received
2 electronic messages based on a password object used to secure some of said received
3 electronic messages.

1 45. The system of claim 31 wherein said module is configured to display a
2 duplicate of said graphic element in an entry representing said electronic message,
3 said duplicate having same properties of said graphic element such that said duplicate
4 can be used in the same manner as said graphic element.